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BROTHERHOOD MONTH ISSUE

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Neighborhood Stabilization Project Initiated by Comm.

As one result of the Market Planning Corporation's extensive survey of group relations in Newark, the Mayor's Commission has been considering new methods of stabilizing Newark's neighborhoods and helping integration take place peacefully.

In its effort to uncover new techniques for aiding the harmonious transition of neighborhoods, the Commission requested several Universities and private organizations to submit proposals for bringing about these natural social changes in the best possible manner.

After several months of study the Commissioners, in 1959, voted to accept the bid received from Consultants Associates Inc. of Long Branch, New Jersey.

For the past two months Dr. Priscilla Ranshoff and her staff from Consultants Associates, Inc., have been working with the Commission to launch the new project.

On Thursday night, February 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the second floor cafeteria of Weequahic High School, this program will be launched by Dr. J. L. Moreno, one of this country's foremost authorities in group discussion by means of socio-dramatic methods.

As a part of this project in community relations, Dr. Priscilla Ranshoff and her staff will conduct a community discussion forum for Weequahic residents and a course in Leadership Development at the Weequahic Adlai School.

All persons wishing to register for this training in community leadership may do so by appearing for registration

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BROTHERHOOD OBSERVED IN NEWARK

Believe it . . .

Live it . . .

Support it . . .

Program Services

The Mayor's Commission on Group Relations and the various human relations agencies in this area provide a year-round service to the community in arranging, sponsoring and participating in programs promoting better intergroup relations. These program services include providing speakers, discussion leaders, films, literature and advice on how to set up observances. These programs, covering many different topics, are designed to foster intergroup har-

mony while reducing prejudice and discrimination.

On the following pages is a listing of the various kinds of services which are offered by several of the agencies in this area. You are urged to contact these agencies for services not only during the month of February but throughout the year.

For any further information or advice in arranging programs for your group contact the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, Room 214, City Hall, MI 3-6300, Ext. 281.



Robert A. McKisick, (left) Deputy Mayor, City of Newark and local Brotherhood Week Chairman (uses the 1960 Brotherhood Week Proclamation to Howard J. Devany (right), Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (founder of National Brotherhood Week), Walter D. Chambers, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations looks on.

Program Services and Activities for Brotherhood

American Jewish Committee Offers Recent Publications

The American Jewish Committee, founded in 1906, conducts an educational program designed to combat prejudice and discrimination. Its work is based on the belief that prejudice is a problem not for those who are its victims, but for all Americans. One of the methods utilized by the Committee in its campaign against prejudice is the publication and distribution of books, pamphlets and films. The following is a list of recent publications and a film which The American Jewish Committee either prepared or is making available through reprints.

"DEFLATING THE PROFESSIONAL BIGOT". Pamphlet by Dr. S. Andahl Fineberg.

How to deal with agitators who capitalize on racial and religious bigotry. Discussing the various methods used to protect minority groups against hate-mongers, the author concludes that the "Quarantine Treatment" is the most effective method. Price—15c each.

"PREJUDICE WON'T MAKE US SELL OUR HOUSE" by Ralph Baw.

Reprinted from *Caretaker Magazine*, this is a popularly written account of a currently successful effort to prevent panic-selling in a changing neighborhood. Price—5c each.

"WHEN A NEGRO MOVES NEXT DOOR" by Rosen and Nicholson.

Reprinted from *Saturday Evening Post*, this is an account of a currently successful effort in Baltimore to achieve and maintain an integrated neighborhood—in the face of individual fears and the attempts of real estate firms to exploit them. Price—15c each.

"THE PEOPLE TAKE THE LEAD". A record of Progress in Civil Rights, 1948-1960.

Reviews the major advances in education, citizenship, employment, housing, public accommodations and other important areas, such as legislative, administrative, judicial and voluntary action to extend equal rights and opportunity to all Americans. Price—25c each.

"REACHING OUT IN RECREATION".

This practical guide to human rela-

tions techniques was prepared to help recreation leaders. It serves as a guide-book pointing out the role of recreation in human relations giving real-life examples of daily incidents and attempted solutions. The pamphlet advises on general human relations principles to follow in the field of recreation. Price—20c each.

"ABOUT 100 BOOKS—A Gateway to Better Intergroup Understanding" by Ann G. Wallis.

This is an annotated bibliography of books for young readers designed to improve intergroup understanding. It is addressed to parents, teachers, libraries and youth leaders as an aid to guiding young readers toward books of taste and literary quality which depict the world realistically and sensitively. The booklet is a balanced compilation of stories dealing with problems arising out of contact between different racial, ethnic and religious groups; tales about people in other parts of the world; and books about the beliefs and ways of various religious groups.

For further information on purchasing or securing any of these materials contact Sydney Kellner, American Jewish Committee, 45 Broadway Place, Newark 2, N. J., MI 2-1633.

Newark Libraries Show Brotherhood Week Exhibits

The Newark Public Library and its fifteen branches will again feature an exhibit of literature and materials on human relations as a Brotherhood Week service in this community. This has become a yearly service of the Library.

These materials were supplied by many of the local public and private agencies under the coordination of J. Forbes Smith of the State Division Against Discrimination. The library has selected a broad cross-section of literature for this display which will be interesting to all age-groups.

You are invited to visit your local public library to view this display and take whatever materials you may wish to read. All of the bulletins, brochures, pamphlets and leaflets in the exhibit are for public distribution.

NCCJ Offers Films, Speakers

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is a religiously oriented organization of individuals who are working toward the amelioration of the prejudices and group tensions which mar man's interaction with other men. It is not an organization of religious officials representing their respective religions in order to bring about any union of religious bodies or to change or modify any distinctive beliefs of its members.

As a non-profit organization financed by the contributions of civic-minded individuals and groups, the NCCJ works through an educational approach to "promote justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews. The National Conference of Christians and Jews is the founder of Brotherhood Week.

Illustrative of its education work in New Jersey are the various Police Institutes which have been held with Seton Hall and Rutgers Universities, the State Colleges and several police departments throughout the State. The summer workshops in human relations at Rutgers and a Brotherhood Youth Camp have been sponsored by the NCCJ.

The local office of NCCJ also maintains a film library and a speakers bureau as a service upon request. A partial list of films includes:

BOUNDARY LINES—8 mins. Color.

Based on the thesis that intergroup understanding today means world peace tomorrow.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN—11 mins. Color.

Animated cartoons revealing the scientific facts of the biological commonness of all people.

THE GREENE—30 mins.

Story of a small Polish refugee boy recently arrived in America who is at first rejected by the youngsters on his block and finally accepted by them.

THE HIGH WALL—30 mins.

Its scenes, conversations, and commentary provide rich material for discussions on education and child development, on community and inter-

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ADL Maintains Film Library

The Anti-Defamation League is an educational arm of B'nai B'rith, world's oldest and largest Jewish civic and fraternal organization.

The ADL is dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of America's democratic legacy—with the belief that America is a great nation with an even greater destiny—and that those gaps and shortcomings in our performance as a nation that prevent us from fully achieving our ideals of freedom must—and will be overcome.

The Anti-Defamation League seeks by education and the force of public opinion, by law and by social action to promote better human relations among all Americans. With the conviction that bigotry in any form against any American hurts all of us, ADL engages in a broad educational program.

In working for the establishment of these basic attitudes on which good human relations are founded, ADL offers: films, radio and TV programming, aids to educators, recordings, speakers, books, posters, leaflets and cartoons.

A list of but a few of the films in the ADL library follows.

A TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN THEATRE. This is a kinescope of a telecast originally presented by CBS News in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on Sunday, December 6, 1959. The program was a salute to the American Theatre for its contribution to freedom and democracy. The League bestowed its 1959 Democratic Legacy Award on the American Theatre.

This 45-minute—16 mm. film features a series of excerpts from twelve outstanding dramatic and musical plays on the subject of civil rights and civil liberties. The program is narrated by the actor, Franchot Tone. The film includes excerpts from:

"Inside U.S.A.," with David Atkinson of the original cast, accompanied by singers and dancers; "Octoroon," by Dion Boucicault, the earliest (1859) melodrama dealing with an anti-discriminatory theme, with Richard Easton and Phyllis Newman; Clifford (Edie) "Waiting for Lefty" with Eli Wallach; "The Male Animal" with Tom Poston; and Robert Sherwood's "There Shall Be No Night."

Also, Lillian Hellman's "Watch on the Rhine"; the famous "Red Ball Express" number from "Call Me Mister," with the noted William Warfield.

Other outstanding films are:

ALL THE WAY HOME—30 minutes—black and white.

A house in an all-white neighborhood is up for sale. When a Negro family steps to inquire about it, neighborhood fear and anxiety mount to a dangerous point, until responsible community leadership asserts itself. Film shows that integrated communities can work. (Adult and senior high school levels.)

AN AMERICAN GIRL—28½ minutes—black and white.

This new film, based on an actual event, tells the story of an American teen-ager who is mistakenly believed to be Jewish by her friends and neighbors. The particular incident revolves around anti-Semitism, but the story is basically concerned with irrational, unshared prejudice. A dramatic and stimulating discussion starter. (Adult and secondary school levels.)

AMERICANS ALL—15 minutes—black and white.

Shows racial and religious antagonisms in the United States and the role of well-meaning but misguided parents. This documentary film suggests ways of meeting the problem through high school and community action. (Adult and secondary school levels.)

For further information contact Brant Cooper-Smith or Richard Shapiro, 30 Clinton Street, Newark 2, N. J., Market 3-6231.

Newark Schools Radio Station Plans Brotherhood Programs

WBGO-FM is the radio station owned and operated by the Newark Public School System, serving to extend the scope of education and knowledge through this mass medium of communication. It was founded in February 1940 and was among the first 10 radio stations in the United States to be owned and operated by a public school system. WBGO is the only such "school of the air" in New Jersey.

The Station is used by 75 Newark schools including 49 elementary schools. Schools out of Newark also utilize WBGO. (199 requests for the Fall '59 program materials were received from 41 schools in 20 different school systems).

Most of WBGO programs are researched, written and produced, with an accompanying teacher's manual, by a staff of 5 certified teachers with training in various fields of education, plus radio or theatre. The Staff works always with classroom teachers, librarians, principals, supervisors and other outside experts.

Walter D. Chambers, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, appeared on a program in the series, "City Desk." This is a series in which a panel of Junior and Senior High School students submit questions to representatives of various city agencies to learn about their function and operation.

WBGO has planned the following

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URBAN LEAGUE GUILD OF ESSEX COUNTY

presents

"AUTHOR MEETS THE CRITICS"

A DISCUSSION ON CASTE AND CLASS

as recorded in the book

"BLACK BOURGEOISIE"

by

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER

Professor of Sociology, Howard University

at

UNITON BAPTIST CHURCH

Midland Avenue and Portford Place
Newark, New Jersey

The meaning and implications of this book and other social problems will be discussed by Dr. Frazier and a panel moderated by Rev. Milton Fletcher, Unity Union Church, Newark.

South Side H.S. Students Set Negro History Week Exhibit

On Thursday, February 11, 1960, the South Side High School Library opened an outstanding exhibit in observance of the 35th annual Negro History Week. The exhibit includes materials on, by and about Negroes which relate the history, achievements and culture of the Negro in America.

The display consists of books, pamphlets, magazines and other forms of literature and reference materials, all of which are compiled into a beautifully bound bibliography entitled, "North Star Shining". There are also art objects and many personal items contributed to the exhibit by outstanding figures. An especially interesting section of the exhibit contains a number of personal letters addressed to the South Side High School students from outstanding Negroes in many different fields, such as government service, music, art, entertainment, sports, journalism and religion. The students wrote to these celebrities requesting biographical materials and pictures to be included in the display. The response was excellent as they received letters and pictures from some 175 persons in addition to the information on several local Negro leaders.

The idea to compile such an exhibit on Negro History was formulated by the student librarians last September and the entire project was carried out by them under the direction of the school librarians, Mrs. Eleanor E. Schwartz and Mrs. Anne D. Thomas.

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group relations, and on the ethics emphasized in religious teaching.

The House I Live In.

An RKO featurette which describes how Frank Sinatra presents a young boy from being set upon by a gang of boys through the meaning of the song "The House I Live In".

OUR TOWN IS THE WORLD — 10 mins.

A dramatic lesson in democracy — as teenagers from different parts of town discover that they can play and get along together when understanding replaces ignorance and intolerance.

A speaker for various programs and occasions may be secured from the N. J. Region office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Contact Howard Devany or William Scholl, Jr., 790 Broad Street, Newark 2, N. J., MI 2-6025.

The exhibit will be on display for one month and will be opened to the general public during school hours, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. After the exhibit is dismantled the books and reference materials will become a permanent part of the school library in a special section. South Side will then have one of the most outstanding information centers on the Negro in this area. You are urged to visit the school within the next few weeks to see the commendable work of the school and student librarians.

Selected Reading

Handberry, Lorraine. *Baldie in the Sun*. 1959. Random.

"Script of an outstanding play currently appearing on Broadway dealing sensitively with Negroes and involved with housing problems, along with their desire and struggle to secure a satisfactory life for themselves."

Jacobs, Gertrude & Roth, Earl. *Major Social Problems*. 1959. Scholastic, New, Patterson & Co.

"Collection which includes collations of selected works by famous authors concerned with various social problems of our day."

Radio Programs

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series of programs to salute Brotherhood Week.

February 21-28

"Greater Love Hath No Man" — The Four Chaplains — From the series "Show of Courage", Tues. 2:20; Thurs. 9:05, 10:35. Grades 5-12.

"The American Composer . . . speaks for his people". William Grant Still, Negro composer. Tues. 2:05; Thurs. 8:50. Grades 7-12.

"Let My People Know". Mary McLeod Bethune. From the series "Show of Courage". Tues. 2:35. Grades 5-12.

"A Song of Faith". Marian Anderson. From the series "Show of Courage". Wed. 2:35; Thurs. 10:20. Grades 5-12.

"Lads of Spain". From the One Small World series. Wed. 9:50; Fri. 12:50. Grades 5-6.

"Japan: The Grateful Work". Folk tale from "Tales That Live" series. Tues. 12:50; Thurs. 10:50, 1:05. Grades 4-6.

WJUG-FM is 88.3 megacycles on the FM dial. Miss Marie C. Scanlon is Supervisor of the Department of Radio & Television. The studio and offices of the school radio station are located on the fourth floor of Central High School Building, High and New Streets, Newark 2, N. J. Telephone: MI 2-8593.

Neighborhood Stabilization

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at Weequahic High School at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 1960, before the first class. The ten sessions will take place on the 10 consecutive Tuesday nights beginning March 1.

Advance registration will be held Thursday, February 25 at 7:30. Register then and come up to the Community Discussion Forum in the cafeteria at 8 p.m.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN RELATIONS

of the

Weequahic Adult School

229 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J.

Course No. 59; Fee \$10.00

Double Period—8:00 - 10:05

An analysis of basic psychological needs of a human being and an elementary approach to sociology. Application of this knowledge to the life of the individual.

A LOOK INTO LEADERSHIP. What is a leader? Can leaders be developed? How does a group select its leaders? What is a group?

GROUP ANALYSIS AT VARIOUS LEVELS. World, country, state, county, city, community, or neighborhood social groups and families.

Consideration of change and its inevitability.

Consideration of change and its implication to the individual and his role in a dynamic society.

Instructor: DR. PRISCILLA B. BANSOROFF, M.A., Columbia University, Director of Rehabilitation and Education, Montross Medical Center, Personnel Counselor in Industry, Hospitals, and Government.